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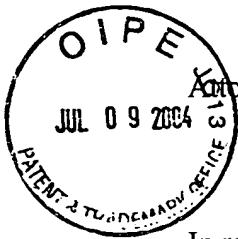
Dear Dr. Maiorino:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a Reply to the Office Action is due on or before July 9, 2004, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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